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ANNUAL REPORT 2009 / 2010

## Vision

uMgungundlovu District Municipality will evolve into a dynamic metropolitan municipality, spreading its vibrant economic benefits to all its citizens and places and will, through concerted integrated development and service delivery, realise improvements in the overall quality of life.

## Mission

The uMgungundlovu District Municipality will through sound governance and community participation ensure the provision of equitable and sustainable services and economic growth.

## Corporate Strategy

uMgungundlovu has positioned itself as a water centric, results driven and performance oriented District Municipality that aims to achieve its vision by 2016.

## Business Processes

- Unqualified audit
- Optimal utilization of resources through the Cluster Model
- Strategic partnerships established locally and abroad
- Professionalisation of the staff
- Ring fencing water income for water infrastructure development
- Target VUNA Awards and Blue and Green Drop Status
- Improved public participation
- Improved Systems





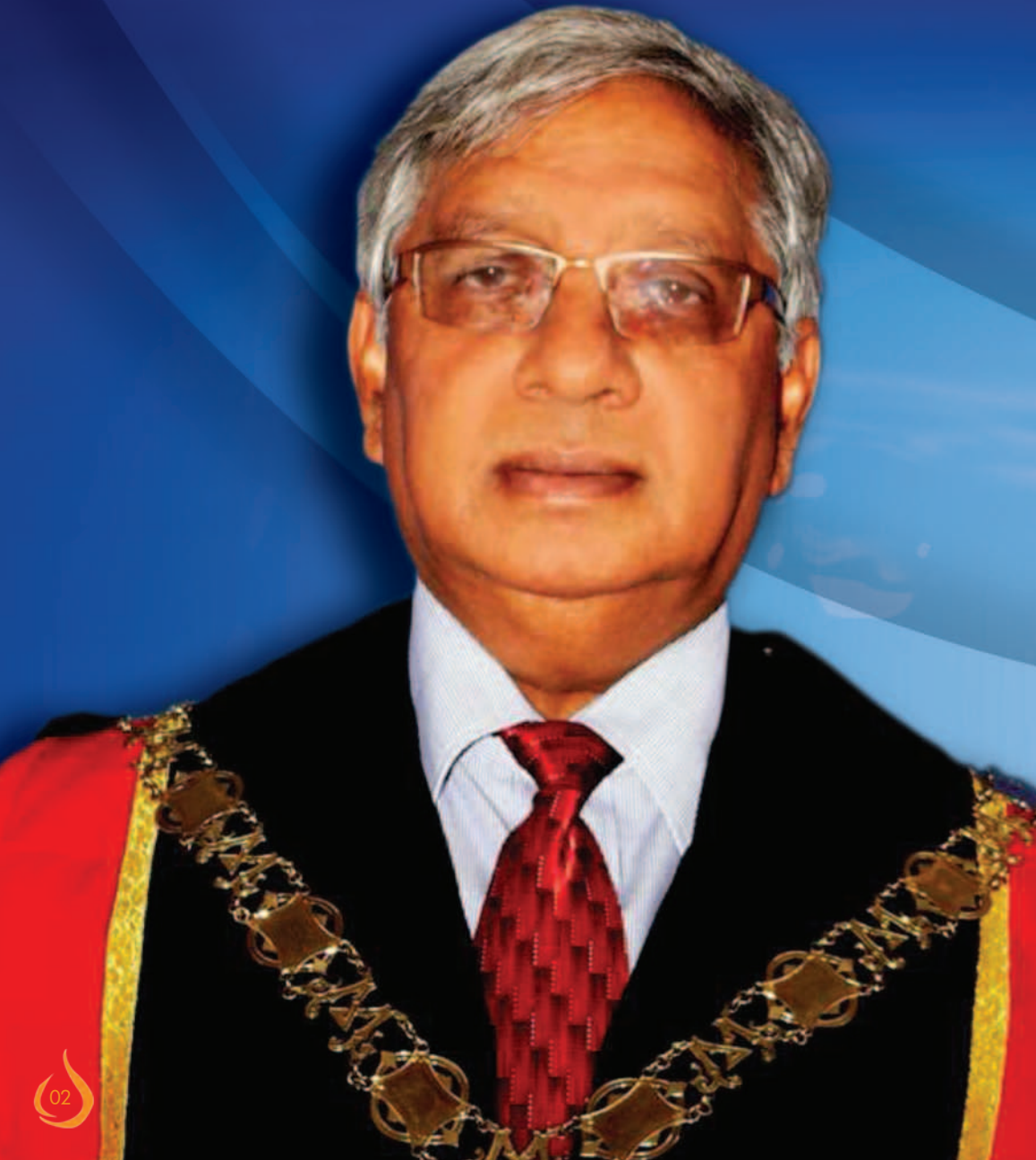


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# Foreword

By His Worship the Mayor



It gives me great pleasure to present the Annual Report for the 2009 / 2010 financial year.

The service delivery priorities for the year under review were aligned to those of the National and Provincial Government. This was done by analysing the State of the Nation and State of the Province addresses by the President and the Premier respectively and incorporating the service delivery priorities into the Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plans. Political oversight was conducted by the respective Portfolio Committees and by Full Council of actual performance against planned performance. I am pleased to report a steady improvement in service delivery to the communities in the District that we serve.

This is the last Annual Report of the current Council, should the local government elections take place as planned. Although this Council faced enormous challenges in the beginning of its term of office, I am proud to draw attention to the fact that uMgungundlovu has now achieved its third successive unqualified Audit Report. During the last three years this Council has steadily improved the effectiveness of its political oversight role. This Council is leaving a legacy of continuous improvement.

I would therefore like to express my appreciation to all Councillors and the Municipal Manager and his staff for their dedication and hard work.

Y.S. Bhamjee

YS Bhamjee (Cllr)  
Mayor



# Message

From the Municipal Manager



Just like previous years, the year under review presented us with both highlights and challenges. Some of the highlights included the successful hosting of Team Paraguay and the implementation of the uMgungundlovu 2010 World Cup Business Plan. This was done by involving ordinary people in this momentous event and creating a culture of sportsmanship within communities.

Looking further ahead the improved financial viability with the budgeting of a cash surplus, for the first time, for the 2010 / 2011 financial year, is also a significant highlight. Further highlights were the significant improvements in water quality management and the implementation of a new billing system.

Some of the main challenges are to improve the credibility of the data on water bills, to broaden our revenue base and to source funding for the full implementation of the Environmental Health Function. These challenges are receiving our constant attention.

We are still constantly striving to be water-centric, results driven and performance oriented.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'T.L.S. Khuzwayo', is located below the main text blocks.

TLS Khuzwayo  
Municipal Manager

# Legislative mandates

The legislative mandates exercised by the District Municipality in terms of the local government legislative framework are reflected in the following table:

Republic of South Africa Constitution Act (Act No. 108 of 1996)

Municipal Structures Act (Act No. 117 of 1998)

Municipal Systems Act (Act No. 32 of 2000)

Municipal Finance Management Act (Act No. 56 of 2003)

Water Services Act (Act No. 108 of 1997)

National Water Act (Act No. 39 of 1998)

Basic Conditions of Employment Act (Act No. 137 of 1993)

Intergovernmental Framework Act (Act No. 13 of 2005)

Local Government: Municipal Planning and Performance Management Regulations

Local Government: Municipal Performance Regulations for Municipal Managers and Managers Directly Accountable to the Municipal Manager

Municipal Supply Chain Management Regulations

Batho Pele White Paper on the Transformation of Service Delivery





# Portfolio of services

The legislative mandates listed above give rise to the portfolio of services displayed on this page. These services are provided in terms of section 84 (1) of the Municipal Structures Act (Act No. 117 of 1998) and include the following services:

1. Integrated development planning for the District as a whole with alignment to the Integrated Development Plans of the local municipalities in the District
2. Supply of bulk water to six of the local municipalities
3. Bulk sewage purification works and sewage disposal at six of the local municipalities in the District
4. Supply of bulk electricity aimed mainly at the electrification of rural schools
5. Solid waste management throughout the District
6. District and municipal roads in six of the local municipalities
7. Fire and emergency services in six of the local municipalities
8. Establishment and management of cemeteries and crematoria in six of the local municipalities in the District
9. Promotion of tourism development in the District
10. Municipal public works relating to any of the above services or any other functions as signed to the District Municipality
11. The receipt, allocation and, if applicable, the distribution of grants made to the District Municipality
12. The imposition and collection of taxes, levies and duties as related to the above functions or as may be assigned to the District Municipality in terms of legislation

Services not yet rendered:

1. Regulation of passenger services
2. Municipal airports
3. Municipal health services
4. Establishment and management of fresh produce markets and abattoirs



# Executive summary

The 2009 / 2010 Annual Report for the uMgungundlovu District Municipality effectively discloses why this District is a preferred destination for people to live and do business in. One of the reasons is because the capital city posted an above average growth rate of 4.28% for 2009. Another reason is that each of the seven local municipalities that make up the District have an own unique competitive advantage that can create exciting business opportunities for prospective entrepreneurs.

## **Some of the performance highlights for the year included:**

- Successful implementation of the uMgungundlovu 2010 World Cup Business Plan and successful hosting of the Team Paraguay
- Vast improvement in water quality management and Blue Drop Status
- Important strategic partnerships forged in order to effectively achieve our strategic goals
- An extensive public participation programme completed in which development needs of communities were identified
- Improvement of the financial viability of the District Municipality to an extent of being able to budget for a cash surplus for the first time.
- Outstanding progress made with Intergovernmental Relations with joint development projects being funded by the French Government and the German Development Bank
- Successful hosting of the 2009 Kwanaloga Games
- Earning a Medallion Award for the District's stand at the Royal Show
- Launching of a Productivity Enhancement Programme
- All Council meetings and obligations were met in accordance with the Council Calendar.
- The standard of reporting against service delivery targets improved during the year and steps were taken to automate the Performance Management System.
- The Auditor-General's Report was unqualified for the third successive year.





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# CHAPTER 01

OVERVIEW OF uMGUNGUNDLOVU DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

# Overview

The uMgungundlovu District Municipality is located in the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands. Collectively the District is comprised of seven local municipalities, each of which has its own unique attributes that makes the District a preferred destination in which to live, to visit, to be educated and to do business in.

## **Some of the competitive advantages of the uMgungundlovu District include:**

- Msunduzi achieved a growth rate of 4.28% in 2009
- The capital of KwaZulu-Natal is in the District that results in a steady growth in the services sector of the economy
- It has a distinct competitive edge in the agriculture and manufacturing sectors
- The City of Choice is the events capital of the country
- It offers some of the most distinguished education facilities in the country
- The Midlands is a retirement mecca with senior citizens from all over the country relocating to the area
- It offers excellent health services facilities
- The District has a modern sophisticated infrastructure with easy access to airports, the N3 arterial and railway stations
- A large pool of skilled labour resides in the District
- The Harry Gwala Football Stadium is home to the PSL Team of Choice, Maritzburg United







■ uMSHWATHI	WARTBURG / NEW HANOVER
■ uMNGENI	HOWICK
■ MPOFANA	MOOI RIVER
■ IMPENDLE	IMPENDLE
■ MSUNDUZI	PIETERMARITZBURG
■ MKHAMBATHINI	CAMPERDOWN
■ RICHMOND	RICHMOND

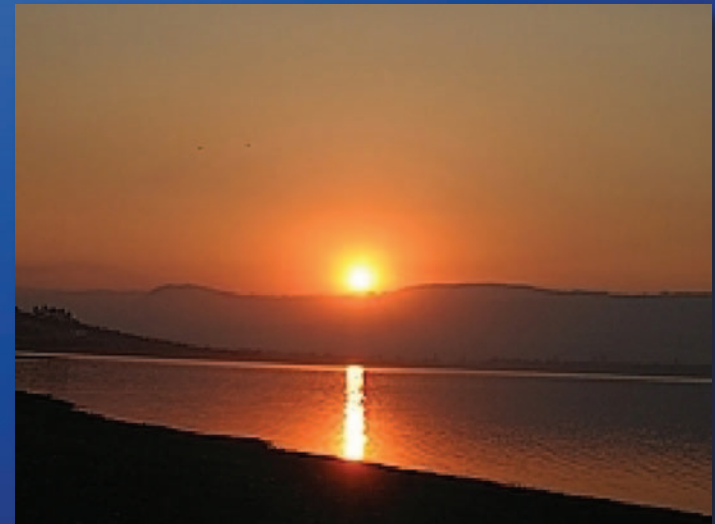
# KZ221: uMshwathi Municipality



uMshwathi municipal offices are located in New Hanover. The main urban centres in the municipal area are New Hanover, Wartburg, Dalton and Cool Air and a large population of people live in the rural settlements of Swayimane, Mpolweni, Thokozani and Ozwathini. The strongest economic driver in the area is by far agriculture. The 250 farmers in the area produce around two million tons of sugar cane annually and this is delivered to two mills for processing. The Municipality has identified a number of lead projects aimed at diversifying and broadening the base of the economy. Amongst these projects are the rehabilitation and development of the towns, middle and high-income housing projects and the development of a road corridor linking the N2 and N3 that will traverse uMshwathi Municipality. The possibility of developing new economic nodes in the Municipality is also being considered. These nodes would involve building tourism initiatives and helping small and medium local enterprises to succeed.



Albert Falls on the Umgeni



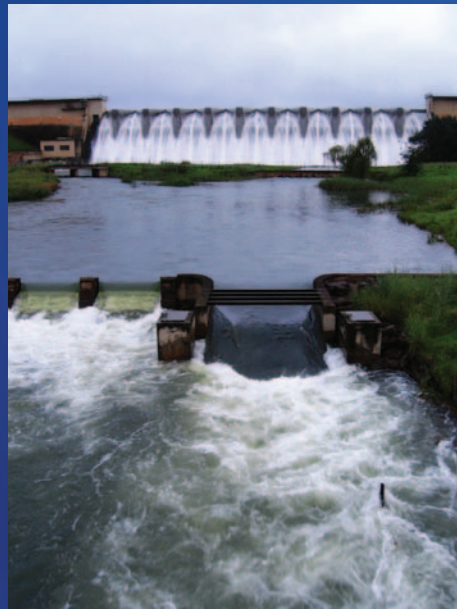
Sunset over Albert Falls Dam



# KZ222: uMngeni Municipality



Original Zulu inhabitants of the area around Howick Falls spoke of “kwaNogqaza” – the place of the tall one. Service delivery priorities of the Municipality are the alleviation of poverty and the provision of basic services, including water, sanitation and electricity. The upgrading and expansion of sewage works is also a high priority. The Midlands Meander, one of the best marketing success stories in the country, falls within uMngeni Municipality’s boundaries. Some of the industries that prosper on these routes include the manufacturing of clothes and leather-ware, linen, furniture, woven goods and other craft. The Karkloof Canopy Tours offers the unequalled experience of gliding along steel cables between eight canopy level platforms built high within the indigenous Karkloof forest.



Overflow of Midmar Dam flowing into the Umgeni River



The Howick Falls is a National Heritage Site and draws many visitors who are passing through as well as locals

# KZ223: Mpofana Municipality



Mpofana Municipality is the gateway to the majestic Drakensberg. Having a bracing climate, the town is a popular health and pleasure resort for holidaymakers from the highveld and the coast. Major attractions include the Kamberg Nature Reserve situated at the foot of the Drakensberg and the Zulu Falls and many others. The tourist will also be captivated by the beautiful scenery and peaceful settings as you drive through and around the area to the various accommodation establishments and restaurants available. It is in the heart of the Midlands Meander. Mooi River has been identified by the Provincial Department of Economic Development as the major development hub for the textile industry in the Province. There are also a number of other investment opportunities particularly in the agricultural and tourism industries.



The viability of agriculture in the area is exceptional. Cattle and sheep are farmed extensively and the area boasts some of South Africa's best racehorse stud farms. Other agricultural crops include maize, wheat, beans, peas and potatoes